FOREIGN CLAIMS SETTLEMENT COMMISSION OF THE UNITED STATES WASHINGTON, D.C. 20579

IN THE MATTER OF THE CLAIM OF

WALLACE A. FORD

Claim No.CU -7388

Decision No.CU -4999

Under the International Claims Settlement Act of 1949, as amended

Represented by Cia. Azucarera Atlantica del Golfo

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AMENDED PROPOSED DECISION

By Proposed Decision issued March 4, 1970, the Commission denied this claim for failure of proof. Since then, satisfactory evidence has been submitted, and the Proposed Decision is hereby amended.

WALLACE A. FORD and Marion G. Ford (now deceased) owned a stock interest in the Cia. Azucarera Atlantica del Golfo, and asserted a claim under Title V of the International Claims Settlement Act of 1949, as amended, against the Government of Cuba because of its nationalization of said Company.

In our decision entitled the <u>Claim of Helen M. Drye</u> (Claim No. CU-0807 which we incorporate herein by reference), we held that the properties owned by the Company were nationalized or otherwise taken by the Government of Cuba on August 6, 1960, and that this type of claim is compensable to an American national under the facts and conditions set forth therein. We need not again detail here the reasons or the method used in determining the value per share of \$34.056.

On the basis of evidence in the record in the instant case, the Commission finds that WALIACE A. FORD and Marion G. Ford (now deceased) came within the terms of the <u>Drye</u> decision; that they were American nationals at the requisite times; that they had been the joint owners of 24 shares of stock in the Cia. Azucarera Atlantica del Golfo since prior to August 6, 1960, and that they suffered a loss in the aggregate amount of \$817.34 within the meaning of Title V of the Act. Upon the death of Marion G. Ford in 1969, WALIACE A. FORD became the sole owner of this claim. Further, the Commission finds that the amount of loss sustained shall be increased by interest thereon at the rate of 6% per annum from August 6, 1960, the date of loss, to the date on which provisions are made for the settlement thereof. (<u>Drye</u>, supra.)

Accordingly the following Certification of Loss will be entered and in all other respects the Proposed Decision is affirmed.

CERTIFICATION OF LOSS

The Commission certifies that WALLACE A. FORD succeeded to and suffered a loss, as a result of actions of the Government of Cuba, within the scope of Title V of the International Claims Settlement Act of 1949, as amended, in the amount of Eight Hundred Seventeen Dollars and Thirty-four Cents (\$817.34) with interest at 6% per annum from August 6, 1960 to the date of settlement.

Dated at Washington, D. C., and entered as the Amended Proposed Decision of the Commission

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NOTICE TO TREASURY: The above-referenced securities may not have been submitted to the Commission or if submitted, may have been returned; accordingly, no payment should be made until claimant establishes retention of the securities or the loss here certified.

The statute <u>does not provide for the payment of claims</u> against the ernment of Cuba. Provision is only made for the determination by the mission of the validity and amounts of such claims. Section 501 of the tute specifically precludes any authorization for appropriations for ment of these claims. The Commission is required to certify its lings to the Secretary of State for possible use in future negotiations in the Government of Cuba.

CE: Pursuant to the Regulations of the Commission, if no objections filed within 15 days after service or receipt of notice of this Amended osed Decision, the decision will be entered as the Final Decision of Commission upon the expiration of 30 days after such service or receipt otice, unless the Commission otherwise orders. (FCSC Reg., 45 C.F.R. 5(e) and (g), as amended, 32 Fed. Reg. 412-13 (1967).)

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PROPOSED DECISION

This claim against the Government of Cuba, filed under Title V of the International Claims Settlement Act of 1949, as amended, was presented by WALLACE A. FORD and MARION G. FORD and is based upon the asserted loss of a stock interest. Claimant WALLACE A. FORD has been a national of the United States since birth. MARION G. FORD's nationality is not of record.

Under Title V of the International Claims Settlement Act of 1949

[78 Stat. 1110(1964) 22 U.S.C. §§1643-1643k (1964), as amended, 79 Stat.

988 (1965)], the Commission is given jurisdiction over claims of nationals of the United States against the Government of Cuba. Section 503(a) of the Act provides that the Commission shall receive and determine in accordance with applicable substantive law, including international law, the amount and validity of claims by nationals of the United States against the Government of Cuba arising since January 1, 1959 for

losses resulting from the nationalization, expropriation, intervention or other taking of, or special measures directed against, property including any rights or interests therein owned wholly or partially, directly or indirectly at the time by nationals of the United States. Section 502(3) of the Act provides:

The term 'property' means any property, right, or interest including any leasehold interest, and debts owed by the Government of Cuba or by enterprises which have been nationalized, expropriated, intervened, or taken by the Government of Cuba and debts which are a charge on property which has been nationalized, expropriated, intervened, or taken by the Government of Cuba.

Section 504 of the Act provides, as to ownership of claims, that

(a) A claim shall not be considered under section 503(a) of this title unless the property on which the claim was based was owned wholly or partially, directly or indirectly by a national of the United States on the date of the loss and if considered shall be considered only to the extent the claim has been held by one or more nationals of the United States continuously thereafter until the date of filing with the Commission.

The Regulations of the Commission provide:

The claimant shall be the moving party and shall have the burden of proof on all issues involved in the determination of his claim. (FCSC Reg., 45 C.F.R. §531.6(d) (Supp. 1967).)

The claim is based on 24 shares of Atlantica del Golfo stock, said to have been acquired prior to August 6, 1960, the date of loss pertinent to Atlantica.

By Commission letter of October 21, 1969, claimants were advised, as to the type of evidence proper for submission to establish this claim under the Act.

On March 16, 1970, claimants were invited to submit the suggested evidence within 45 days from that date, and were informed, that, absent such evidence, it might become necessary to determine the claim on the basis of the existing record. No evidence has since been submitted.

The Commission finds that claimants have not met the burden of proof in that they have failed to establish ownership of rights and interest in property which was nationalized, expropriated or otherwise taken by the Government of Cuba from nationals of the United States. Thus, the Commission is constrained to deny this claim and it is hereby denied. The Commission deems it unnecessary to make determinations with respect to other elements of the claims.

Dated at Washington, D. C., and entered as the Proposed Decision of the Commission

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CERTIFICATION OF LOSS

The Commission certifies that MIRIAM ABRAHAM suffered a loss, as a result of actions of the Government of Cuba, within the scope of Title V of the International Claims Settlement Act of 1949, as amended, in the amount of Nine Thousand Six Hundred Seventy Dollars and Seventy-seven Cents (\$9,670.77) with interest at 6% per annum from the aforesaid dates to the date of settlement.

Dated at Washington, D. C., and entered as the Proposed Decision of the Commission

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Lyte S. Garlock, Chairman

Theodore Jaffe, Commission

Sidney Freinberg, Commissioner

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